

Dominican Republic

The Challenge

Economic problems and strengthening democracy continue to lead the slate of national issues in the Dominican Republic. Although macroeconomic stability has returned, higher fuel prices exacerbate a struggling electric sector and slow a promising economic recovery. Corruption remains in all sectors. However, President Leonel Fernández continues to inspire hope and confidence in the population and the markets. The Fernández Administration continues to back priorities of the United States government (USG). The USG is working with the Government of the Dominican Republic (GDR) on policy changes to successfully implement the Central America and Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR). USAID's largest challenge will be to help the GDR institutionalize better governance and fight against corruption within all sectors of the country. This is the largest challenge. Yet, the pressure from civil society for reform continues to build, and the USG is seen as leaders in this effort.

Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

Mission Director: Elena Brineman

MCA Status: Currently Not Eligible

PEPFAR Focus Country: No

Provided or Received Services From Other Missions: Provided

Program Budget (Appropriations by Objective)

517-008 Economic Prosperity and Security
517-009 Democracy, Governance and Human Rights
517-010 Family and Workforce Health

Country Total

FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07	2005 SO Performance Score	Direct SO Admin. Cost Ratio
7,951	4,907	5,085	14,009	76.2%	1.31	Exceeded
7,144	5,441	3,960	4,000	-44.0%	1.10	Exceeded
13,166	13,099	12,721	11,338	-13.9%	1.19	Exceeded
28,261	23,447	21,766	29,347	3.8%		

Program Budget (Appropriations by Account)

Child Survival and Health Programs Fund
Development Assistance
Economic Support Fund

Total

FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
13,166	13,099	12,721	11,338	-13.9%
11,413	7,372	7,065	6,009	-47.3%
3,682	2,976	1,980	12,000	225.9%
28,261	23,447	21,766	29,347	3.8%

Program Budget by Sector and Account

Basic Education DA
Agriculture and Environment DA
Economic Growth DA
ESF
Human Rights DA
Democracy and Governance DA
ESF
Conflict Management / Humanitarian Assistance DA
Family Planning / Reproductive Health CSH
HIV / AIDS CSH
Child Survival and Maternal Health CSH
Vulnerable Children CSH
Other Infectious Diseases CSH

Total

FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
2,300	1,584	1,568	1,723	-25.1%
1,908	1,250	1,282	453	-76.3%
3,743	2,073	2,235	1,833	-51.0%
0	0	0	10,000	N/A
100	0	0	0	N/A
1,462	2,465	1,980	2,000	36.8%
3,682	2,976	1,980	2,000	-45.7%
1,900	0	0	0	N/A
2,031	1,980	1,733	1,800	-11.4%
5,300	5,508	6,138	5,138	-3.1%
4,000	3,861	3,237	2,780	-30.5%
535	0	0	0	N/A
1,300	1,750	1,613	1,620	24.6%
28,261	23,447	21,766	29,347	3.8%

Workforce

US Direct Hires
US Non Direct Hires
Foreign Nationals

Total

FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
12	12	12	12	0.0%
3	5	5	5	66.7%
62	62	62	61	-1.6%
77	79	79	78	1.3%

Operating Expense	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Salaries and benefits	1,311	1,634	1,224	1,164	-11.2%
Travel	180	170	114	112	-37.8%
Transportation of things	79	87	149	103	30.4%
Rent	389	377	368	432	11.1%
Security	91	125	115	128	40.7%
Equipment	482	230	0	0	N/A
ICASS - Operating Expense only	190	193	206	220	15.8%
Other Operating Expense	499	611	503	520	4.2%
Total OE Budget	3,221	3,427	2,679	2,679	-16.8%
US direct hire salary and benefits	1,579	1,730	1,569	1,739	10.1%
Program Funded Administrative Expenses				2,317	
Country Total Administrative Budget				6,735	
Percent of Bureau OE Total				6.5%	

Mission Summary	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Program per US Direct Hire (\$000)	2,355	1,954	1,814	2,446
Program per All US (\$000)	1,884	1,379	1,280	1,726
Program per Position (\$000)	367	297	276	376
Operating Expense as % of Program Funding				9.1%
Program Funded Admin Expense as % of Total Admin				34.4%
Total Admin Expense as % of Program Funding				22.9%

Other Major Donors:

Bilateral: Spain, Taiwan, Japan, Germany, France, Venezuela

Multilateral: Inter-American Development Bank, European Union, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Union Nations organizations